

landing. But when we kneded, they gave ground, and consulted what they should do : for they little thought we would have landed so boldly.

And therefoie, as the Captain was putting his men in array, and marching forward to have encountered with them; they sent a messenger on horseback, with a flag of truce, to the Captain : who declared that " the Treasurer marvelled what he meant to do, to come ashore in that order; in consideration that they had granted to every reasonable request thai he did demand

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But the Captain, not well contented with this messengei, marched forwards.

The messenger prayed him to stay his men ; and said, " If he would come apart from his men, the Treasurerwould come and speak to him !" whereunto he did agree to commune together.

The Captain<sup>5</sup> only with his armour, without weapon; and the Treasurer on horseback, with his javelin : who was afraid to come near him, for fear of "his armour, which," he said, " was worse than his weapon ! " And so keeping aloof, •communing together, the Treasurer, granted, in fine, all his requests.

Which being declared by the Captain to the company they desired " to have pledges for the performance of all things/' doubting [*fearing*] that otherwise, when they had made themselves stronger, they would have been at defiance with us : and seeing that, now, they might have what they would request, they judged it to be more wisdom to be in assurance than to be forced to make any more labours about it.

So, upon this, gages were sent, and we made our traffic •quietly with them.

In the meantime, while we stayed here, we watered a good breadth off from the shore; where, by the strength of the fresh water, running into the sea, the salt water was made fresh.

In this river, we saw many crocodiles, of sundry bignesses, but some as big as a boat, with four feet, a long broad mouth, ,and a long tail; whose skin is so hard, that a sword will not pierce it. His nature is to live out of the water, as a frog doth: but he is a great clevourer, and spareth neither fish (which is his common food), nor beasts, nor men, if he take them : as the proof thereof was known by a Negro, who, as